

Senate File 195 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements for state purchasing from
2 prison industries.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 904.808, subsection 1, Code 2013, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *c.* When a comparable bid for a similar
4 product has been received from an Iowa-based business and
5 the director or agency head of the applicable department or
6 agency of state government has determined the product from the
7 Iowa-based business is comparable or of better value in both
8 quality and price to a similar product available from Iowa
9 state industries.

10 Sec. 2. Section 904.808, subsection 3, Code 2013, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 3. A department or agency of the state ~~shall~~ may cooperate
13 and enter into agreements, if possible, for the provision of
14 products and services under an inmate work program established
15 by the state director under section 904.703.

16 EXPLANATION

17 Code section 904.808(1) is amended to provide that a
18 department or agency of state government is not required to
19 purchase a product from Iowa state industries if a comparable
20 bid for a similar product of comparable or better value has
21 been received from an Iowa-based business.

22 Code section 904.808(3), requiring a department or agency of
23 the state to cooperate and enter into agreements, if possible,
24 for the provision of products and services under an inmate work
25 program, is amended to provide that a department or agency may
26 cooperate and enter into such agreements.